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SUBJ: INDIAN OCEAN AS PEACE ZONE (IOPZ) AND INVITATION TO  
POWERS TO ATTEND INFORMAL MEETING

REF: A) USUN 1979

B) USUN 2000

SUMMARY: UK, FRANCE AND SOVS APPEAR CERTAIN TO DECLINE  
INVITATION TO DISCUSS IOPZ AT INFORMAL MEETING OF IO  
LITTORAL AND HINTERLAND STATES. END SUMMARY.

1. REFTELS REPORT IOPZ AD HOC COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN'S  
(AMERASINGHE) INVITATION TO GREAT POWERS AND MAJOR MARITIME  
USERS OF IO TO COOPERATE WITH INFORMAL MEETING OF LITTORAL  
AND HINTERLAND STATES TO DISCUSS CONCEPT OF IOPZ. REFTEL A, BASED  
ON SECRETARIAT SOURCE, REPORTED INVITATION WOULD ONLY BE  
FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PROPOSAL OF HOLDING FUTURE  
CONF OF IO STATES. REFTEL (B), HOWEVER, NOTES THAT THOSE  
STATES WISH TO HEAR OUR VIEWS ON THE CONCEPT, IMPLICATIONS  
SUBSTANCE OF DECLARATION, AND MEANS OF REALIZING OBJECTIVES.

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(REFTEL B CONTAINS THE TEXT OF LETTER FROM AMERASINGHE

TO AMB SCALI AND SUPERSEDES INTO IN REFTEL A. ACCORDING TO SECRETARIAT, SIMILAR LETTERS WERE SENT TO UK, SOVS AND FRANCE AS WELL AS NINE MAJOR MARITIME USERS OF IO INCLUDING GREECE, ITALY PANAMA, FRG, LIBERIA, CANADA AND 3 OTHERS. ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING BY THESE STATES IS SOUGHT DURING THE WEEK OF 16 JUNE.)

2. ACCORDING TO UK MISOFF (LOGA,) THEIR INSTURCTIONS DIRECT THEM NOT TO APPEAR BEFORE THE MEETING UNLESS US AND FRANCE INDICATE WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE. LOGAN SAID THEIR PREFERRED TACTIC WOULD BE TO REPLY NEGATIVELY AND ORALLY RATHER THAN HAVE ANY WRITTEN REPLY THAT COULD POSSIBLY BE USED BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE AS EVEN A TOKEN STATEMENT OF UK POLICY. ACCORDING TO FRENCH COUNSELLOR (SCALABRE) THEY TOO HAVE RECOMMENDED TO PARIS THAT THEY SHOULD NOT ATTEND AND SHOULD GIVE ONLY A ORAL REPLY CITING HISTORY OF ABSTENTIONS ON IOPZ AND OPPOSITION TO SPECIAL REGIME REGARDING HIGH SEAS. (SCALABRE ADDED THAT HE HAD, ON HIS OWN, ALREADY TOLD AMERASINGHE THAT THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF FRANCE ATTENDING.)

3. COUNSELLOR TULINOV OF SOV MISSION SAID THAT THEY ARE AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS BUT HE IS QUITE CONFIDENT THEY WILL NOT ATTEND.  
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